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Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

AN UNUSUAL SCENE IN THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—A very extraordinary scene occurred in the Senate to-day between Garrett Davis and Ben Butler, which, while it created a sensation in the Senate, especially in Gen. Sherman's Presidential constituency, will not interrupt the harmony of Congress. The debate upon what he considered the dangers of disorders and outrages in the South, when Butler on the side the chair began to speak in a very excited manner. At this point Davis was facing his Democratic colleagues, and was apparently exhorting them. He was observing who was speaking, marching over in that direction and took a seat directly next to the Kentucky Senator. Then, stretching his leg out, he shocked at Davis with an exclamation in his face of mingled indolence and contempt. The gallleries, thinking it a mere piece of braggadocio, enjoyed the thing hugely. There, when Butler's speech was all thrust, and repeated that point in his speech where he was claiming that the scenes of Southern outrages were grossly exaggerated, Garrett Davis arose and said: "Mr. President, I say to you, and to the Senate, and to the country, that the principles advanced and the sentiments uttered by the honorable Senator from Massachusetts [Butler] are infamous sentiments, and I denounce their figurative hold on the people of the United States as the most infamous political power. They are—" and he paused for a moment in search of his feelings, when Senator Butler almost at his very elbow, looking up straight at him, with face immovable as stone. Davis fortunately paused in his half-finished sentence; placed both hands on the desk, and glared at Butler with the ferocity of a tiger, and Butler returned the Kentuckian's look unflinchingly, but growing a trifle paler. The vehement excitement of the several speakers, neither of the parties changing their attitude a particle, while the galleries looked on in painful suspense, and the surrounding Senators seemed to hold their breath. Davis then went on: "They are—" and he paused again for a moment, and then said: "they are," said he, "the vile inventions of an unprincipled adventurer, who sometimes commands their figurative hold on the people of the United States, and sometimes their political power. They are—" and he paused for a moment in search of his feelings, turning around to look Butler in the face, when Butler almost at his very elbow, looking straight at him, with face immovable as stone. Davis fortunately paused in his half-finished sentence; placed both hands on the desk, and glared at Butler with the ferocity of a tiger, and Butler returned the Kentuckian's look unflinchingly, but growing a trifle paler. The vehement excitement of the several speakers, neither of the parties changing their attitude a particle, while the galleries looked on in painful suspense, and the surrounding Senators seemed to hold their breath. Davis then went on: "They are—" and he paused again for a moment in search of his feelings, turning around to look Butler in the face, and said: "Here, here is the man; this is the class of men who concoct stories of the Presidential candidates and then impeach the Presidential candidates and their supporters for the falsehoods which they themselves have concocted. Here is a representative of Senator Thurman, introducing resolutions of impeachment against Senator Sherman, and he is required to make any inquiries in the galleries. It being one of the things which Butler never dodged, nor starred the expression of his face, although a shrewd observer might have noticed a slight twitching of the muscles around the eyes. Davis was no sooner in his chair than he wheeled it around and commenced to deal Butler, with his back to the direction of Butler, until finally, when he turned again with, "Oh, yes, he is a representative of Senator Thurman, and he is required to make any inquiries in the galleries." Davis then took his seat, and, observing that General Butler ordered no seat to him, he gave more decisively to the Democratic Senators on the left of the chair, who were turned in the direction of the gallleries, and ordered the assessment of the galleries, who seemed to be in fear that the Democratic colleagues of Davis, not desirable taken on the floor of the Senate was about to be made the scene of disgraceful proceedings at once, Garrett, upon being appealed to, turned around and addressed the chair, and Butler, after looking at Davis for a moment, turned around to the Republican side, and shortly after left the chamber, and Butler, after looking at Davis for a moment, turned around to the Republican side, and shortly after left the chamber, and Davis, after looking at Butler

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THE NEW STATE TAX BILL.

The Tax Bill reported to the Illinois House of Representatives from the Revenue Committee, is an immense improvement on what is called the "Auditor's bill," prepared by the Assistant Auditor, under inspection of the Board of Equalization. The latter is a ponderous production of 261 sections, many of them of great length. The new bill contains 224 sections, many of which are short. But the chief superiority of the Revenue Committee's bill over that of the Auditor does not consist of its being one-third shorter, which is undoubtedly a merit, but in its avoidance of many harsh and unjust provisions contained in the Auditor's bill, and the insertion of many excellent provisions omitted in that bill.

It will be impossible in the compass of a short article to point out all its provisions, or the major portion of them; we shall only notice a few of its features of most prominence. In the first place it does not attempt to tax personal property twice, or oftener, in the same year, under different names, as the other bill did. It does not tax the shares of stock of all corporations, "and also the property of the same," as did the Auditor's bill. It does not tax the *debts* of a bank, or undertake to compel a bank to disclose to the Assessor the debts of its depositors with the amount of their deposits, per se, or *sale* day in each year. It does not tax the *credits* of persons at all, but only the assets of the banks which correspond to the credits of individuals, and are held to represent moneys and credits are to be listed as one item, and the person listing is entitled to deduct *bona fide* debts which he may owe. In regard to insurance companies, it is provided that the proper officer of every fire, life, or other insurance company doing business in Illinois must make out a statement showing the gross receipts of the company at each agency in each county for the year, and of all losses paid and unpaid during the same period. The net proceeds are to be apportioned by the Auditor to the several counties for taxation, which is certainly as fair to the insurance companies as could be expected, and is vastly more liberal than the Auditor's bill, which, in effect, taxed them double. The bill provides that the County Collector (and the County Treasurer is made ex-officio Collector), in advertising, obtaining judgment, and making sale, shall include the taxes and special assessments of every city with the delinquent list of the State and county taxes, it being the intention that there shall be but one advertised list, judgment and sale of property for taxes and special assessment. Delinquent taxes are to be advertised in February, judgment obtained in March, and within two weeks after judgment to be sold.

On property sold for taxes, if redeemed within six months, the penalty is 25 per cent; if over six and under twelve months, 50 per cent; under eighteen months, 75 per cent, and for two years, 100 per cent. This provision will not please the professionals who follow the business of buying property at tax-sales and make 100 per cent on the use of their money for a few weeks or months.

Having provided for a full cash valuation of all property, the bill requires that all taxes, whether for State, county, town or city, school district, city, or incorporated town, and all special assessments, shall be collected by the county and town Collector, and at one time and place. The divided system of assessments and valuations, and triple system of Collectors now in vogue, are to be terminated. When this law comes into force, the Chicago Assessment and Collection Board will be abolished, and the heavy expense of supporting it and its pack of tax-eaters will be saved. Tax-payers will then no longer be hounded and harassed by duplicate and triplicate Warrants of tax-hunters.

All taxes for every purpose will be paid to one officer, at one place. A receipt from the Collector will cover and include all the taxes charged for a complete year against the property of the citizen. When a person gets a receipt for his taxes, he may then go to bed each night for a year with the comfortable assurance that when he awakes in the morning it will not be to find that part or all of his real estate has been sold by some other tax-gatherer to some hundred per cent out of hawk who hovers and watches day and night to pounce down on unguarded property. It will be a great satisfaction to the citizen to know that he will no longer be pestered and harassed by a plurality of tax Collectors, a summons and persecution for inadvertent delinquency, and that he will not be called on to deal with several Assessors, placing different valuations on the same property. The whole annoying operation and chaos of taxation under which the people now suffer will be swept away when this bill is passed, and there will be substituted a plain, just, and equitable single system of assessment and taxation, and a responsible officer to deal with, who will dispense with the whole and costly services of whole swarms of revenue eaters, and do away with all the confusion, annoyance, injury, and persecution which the citizen now endures in the ascertainment and payment of his taxes.

Let the House take up this bill and devote a week to its careful consideration for the perfection of details, and then pass it. It will be, by all competition, the most useful act of the session. Let members sustain their propensities for babbling and squandering time over petty questions of order or contemptible propositions. Enough time has already been wasted in nonsense and in mean endeavors to violate the constitution by the enactment of special schemes. We direct these remarks to the House because the revenue bill there originates. The Senate will give the subject due and grave consideration when it comes before that body. It is in the House that frivolity, partiality, disorder and time-squandering are habitually practiced, and useful legislation smothered or butchered. Section 4 of the revenue article requires an important change in the tax system which must be made this session. The bill in question provides for it, and the proper and necessary thing to be done is to take up this revenue bill, consider it in detail and pass it.

Pitiful thing has begun between the troops of the Thiers Government at Versailles and the Nationals of Paris. France, after surrendering her arms to save Paris from the Germans, is now preparing to march upon Paris herself. In a few days, or weeks, at furthest, it seems probable that Frenchmen will be fighting Frenchmen around the walls of the world's gay capital. Nothing could more represent an army of a country. For all these reasons the German armies are delaying their departure, and now it is reported that they will soon reoccupy Paris. It is doubtful whether the best interests of France would not be promoted by Bismark forming a new government and assuming the responsibility of guaranteeing its persistence. President Thiers, in his speech to the Assembly, yesterday, foreshadows such an arrangement by stating that the new convention just entered into with the German Empire that a very considerable German force may reoccupy and re-enter Paris, and that the Thiers Government will furnish a garrison for the occupation of the city jointly with the Germans. If such a combination shall oversave the "Reds" in Paris, an early restoration of order may be possible. If not, we shall witness the strange spectacle of a union between the Thiers Government and the Germans for the government of France. Inevitable as such a union may appear, it is a most dangerous experiment for M. Thiers, and, if it succeeds, only adds a new chapter to the humiliations of France.

THE RAILROAD FARE BILL.

The two houses of the General Assembly having disagreed upon the railway legislation before them, the Senate committee have finally accepted the House bill in place of their own. But in opposition to the bill has developed itself in the body of the Senate, which seems to leave the question still open. All that the proposed legislation is assumed to be founded upon the requirements of the new constitution, and yet the Legislature in all its bills seems to have overlooked the principle set forth in that instrument the Section 13 of the article on railroads, says:

> "The General Assembly shall from time to time pass laws establishing reasonable maximum rates of charges for the transportation of passengers and freight on the railroads in this State."

This, substantially, is but an affirmation of the common law, under which railroads and other common carriers can lawfully demand and receive only reasonable rates. The mistake of the Legislature is in assuming that the State can by statute define what is reasonable. The bill now before the Legislature classifies railroads according to their gross receipts per mile per annum and fixes the maximum rate per mile for each class. This determines nothing. It leaves the whole question just where it was before. What is a reasonable compensation? This cannot be decided by legislation. It must in the end be determined by a court and jury upon the particular facts and circumstances of each road. Legislation cannot overcome the fundamental principle that a common carrier is entitled to "reasonable" compensation. And what amounts to a reasonable compensation is a question of fact, and not of law. Legislatures cannot determine. Legislation, therefore, on this subject, must travel in a circle, always coming around to the same question. Is this compensation reasonable? This bill undertakes to fix the answer to that by a reasonable charge for the transportation of passengers, by ascertaining what are the gross receipts of a road per mile during a year. While this is one step toward ascertaining a reasonable rate, it is not conclusive, nor is it the only item bearing on the question. There are many circumstances affecting the question of reasonable rates for the transportation of passengers and of freight, which are not common to all roads, but which necessitate a special inquiry in each case.

One object sought apparently by some members of the Legislature is to have a law upon which they can take a case into the courts, and have it determined whether the Legislature can fix a maximum rate of fares. If this law be passed, the courts will simply declare that the Legislature may prescribe what rates it pleases, but it cannot deprive the carrier of his reasonable compensation, nor authorize him to demand more. Nothing, therefore, can be gained in that way.

There is, however, another mode. The great difficulty in testing the question of the reasonableness of railroad charges is the difficulty of proving that railways for excessive charges. No citizen can afford to travel, sue, and prosecute it, to recover 50 cents extra on his fare, or $5 excess on a charge of freight, and, if he did so, all that would be decided would be the law and fact in his particular case. Let the Legislature authorize the Board of Railroad Commissioners to investigate all the facts and circumstances pertaining to each road, and, upon them, to report to the next Legislature, or to prosecute railways for any charges deemed by them to be unreasonable.

The common law is founded upon the aggregate experience of mankind, and it embodies, more clearly and fully than anything else, the combined wisdom of the world. Great corporations can dispense with it more easily than the public can. To see it aside is to launch upon an unknown sea, where we may be sure that the money, the power, and the brains of the railway companies will take care of themselves. Once cut loose from the restraints of the common law, is there any reason to suppose that a Legislature of two or three hundred men, a dozen or more of whom are only for four months every two years, and giving their attention to this subject only incidentally, are any match for the concentrated vigor and astuteness of the railway managers? It seems to be thoughtful at Springfield that such a mistake is about to be performed. We venture to predict that none of these bills regulating fares and freights will ever go into operation. Plans have already been devised to circumvent them, and ere demonstrated they will be, even if the courts do not declare them unconstitutional and void.

THE HEALTH REPORT.

In the very exhaustive report of the Board of Health of this city, just published, we find a series of charts illustrating the rate of mortality in a manner that is certainly calculated to send the people of Chicago else where during the summer months. In 1867, we find the death rate suddenly rising from 241 in May and 283 in June, to 597 in July, 697 in August, and 908 in September, whence it declines to 373 in November. In 1868, the rate was 367 in April, 329 in May, and 366 in June, to 697 in July, 945 in August, and 741 in September, whence it falls to an average of 400 in October, November, and December. In 1869, the rate was 393 in February, 554 in March, 361 in April, 372 in May, and 454 in June, to 815 in July, 1,077 in August, and 814 in September, whence it declined to 459 in November and 439 in December. In the old Twelfth Ward, which is one of the worst drained in the city, the deaths rose to 678, of whom 364 were children. In this ward the children under five years of age, at present, are in fifty of the whole population of the ward. Although the report cites the fact that, according to the census of 1860, in the States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Kansas, 4,784 out of every 10,000 deaths were children under the age of five years, and that the mortality among children in this city, in proportion to the whole mortality, is only 12½ per cent more than in the surrounding rural districts, we feel an alarm in looking at the vivid mortality charts in this report, which no soothing estimates of comparative percentages will allay. Up to June 30 every resident of Chicago has a comfortable prospect of life, i. e., there is only about one chance in a thousand that he will die during the month, and, if the majority of us survive as healthy as those of spring, we would enjoy only about one chance in a hundred of dying during the year. But in July and August the mortality rates suddenly run up to 2,000 per month, which enlarges the chance of dying during the month to 1 in 500, and of all months' save this one, our prospect of dying during the year would be as 1 in 55.

Of course, a large part charge of this mortality is attributable to excessive heat and bad ventilation in the quarters inhabited by the poorer classes. This is common to all large cities. But, is not another notice due to the condition of the river in midsummer? Must the river necessarily continue the centre of our system of sewerage, gathering up all the foulness and rotten matter in the city and pouring it out to rank and rot in our midst under the hot summer sun? One thing is certain. The hasted taxe, when disease is in the air, is not the time to put forth spasmodic efforts to cleanse the city, with the view of arresting disease. The very act of turning over and stirring up all the fecund matter, during the hottest weather, hastens decomposition and increases the death rate. We have expended $2,000,000 in digging a ditch to carry off by the back door the contents of the South Branch of the river, and the ditch itself is filling up with every frost and every rain, by a natural and unceasing process. Would it not be well to adopt some single scheme to cleanse the river, such as turning a current into it from the lake; and, having accomplished this, look after our ditch at our leisure? Chicago ought to be the healthiest city in the Union in the summer months. The weather here is exceptionally cool; the alternate breezes from the prairie and the lake scarcely ever cease their healthful and invigorating play. A very little of the labor and expense incurred in ditching the country between Chicago and Lockport would have opened canals from the lake to the North and South Branches of the river, and provided them with the machinery and power to keep a steady stream of pure water running through our noisome and pestilential wash-pot. Until this is done, nothing is done toward the cleansing of Chicago River.

LABOR AT THE SOUTH.

The cotton year begins in September, and the receipts for the six months of the current year indicate that the crop of 1870 will reach as high as 4,300,000 bales, against 3,114,000 bales of the preceding year. The highest crop of cotton ever produced in the United States was in 1859-60, when it amounted to 4,675,700 bales. The average crop from 1850 to 1860 was 2,300,000 bales.

These figures show that the abolition of slavery has not diminished the producing capacity of negro labor. They also show that however numerous may be the exceptions, the labor of the South was last year most actively employed. While the cotton crop was increased 1,000,000 bales over the preceding year, and advanced nearly to what it was in the best year ever known in that line, the other productions of the South have increased over anything previously known in the United States. The growth of cotton has been more confined to the Gulf States than ever before, while vast regions, which, before the war, depended upon that product, have been devoted to cereal crops, and to the raising of stock. The Slave States, which, in 1860, sought largely of breadstuffs and provisions with the proceeds of their cotton, are now purchasers to a large amount of cotton, with a large portion of their breadstuffs and provisions in addition. Neither the tobacco crop nor the sugar crop has suffered loss because of any change in the character of the labor, and already the annual product of the negro labor, from cotton alone, is $1,000,000 in excess of what it was when that labor was driven by the lash. There is much to be done yet. Immense areas of land in those States are unproductive, and immense broad fields abandoned as worn out. The introduction of machinery, the application of fertilizers, and the general improvement of agricultural industry and personal thrift among the negroes, will, before many years, not only double the present product, but may be so closely cultivated as those of the North, and that there is remunerative labor for the entire population, white and black, by the political disturbances following the close of the war, the great change in the relative position of the laboring class, will, in time, exhaust themselves, and all over these States there will be an active industry, producing an equal amount of labor, intelligently employed, double and treble the values and quantities ever produced by enforced labor in the best days of the system.

There is a bill now before the State Senate, at Springfield, providing for the appointment of fifteen Commissioners, to whom is to be committed the management of the affairs of this county. These Commissioners will have to provide for the levy and expenditure of $1,000,000 of taxation annually. When the bill was before the House, the wise provision prohibiting the Commissioners from being contractors, interested in contracts, from holding any other offices whereby they would be recipients of the county revenues, voided by themselves, was struck out through the procurement of those members of the Cook County delegation who hope to be Commissioners. The necessity for this prohibition is shown in the history of the Supervisors of this county. Supervisors, having the power to let contracts, are interested in almost every job to be paid for out of the County Treasury. The extent to which this power was abused in the vote for Friday last, when a motion to vacate all contracts in which Supervisors were interested was voted down by a majority of two-thirds, were not disposed to give up a good thing. One reason for providing a Board of Commissioners was to get rid of this corrupt system, but the bill, as it now stands in the State Senate, will leave it to the frauds and abuses under the new county government. We trust the Senators from this county will present this matter to that body, and prevail on the Senate to restore the provision stricken out by the House, and thereby protect this county from being robbed in the future as it has been in the past by its county governors.

The Governor yesterday signed the bill relating to Justices of the Peace in Chicago. It was feared by its framers that he would veto it on the ground that the city ought to bear a subsist on fees for compensation, and that was also some objection as to the form of remuneration in case of misfeasance, but the large financial institutions of New York, and when examined had already recorded all but one of the names of the plaintiff in the suit. Burglars had obtained access to the room at night by false keys, removed the non and dials from the safe door, and were engaged in opening the safe. One of the counterfeit dials had a space of about an inch deep on the outside, and the burglars had a tube, which, when applied to the safe door, and substituted excellent counterfeits

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C. HOWARD HUNT, Sec'y.

Chicago, March 30, 1871.

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March 30, 1871.

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[illegible] yards Fancy Blue Cloth.
[illegible] yards Scarlet Cloth.
[illegible] yards Fancy Green Cloth.
[illegible] yards Scarlet Flannel.
[illegible] yards Blue Flannel.
[illegible] yards Gartered Scarlet, 24 square.
[illegible] yards Gartered Blue, 24 square.
[illegible] yards Gartered Green, 24 square.
[illegible] yards Gartered Yellow, 24 square.
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[illegible] yards Gartered Green, 30 square.
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Bids for these will give the price per unit, and the total. No separate bids for separating are desired. Bids will be received at the office of the undersigned, at Chicago, until 12 o'clock m. on the 15th day of April, 1871.

All bids must be made on the official forms, which will be furnished on application, as also detailed specifications for each work.

Bidders are requested to address "Proposals for Bids—Improvements," to the undersigned.

By order of the Chief of Engineers, U. S. A.

Major Engineers and Brevet Colonel.

March 30, 1871.

PROPOSALS FOR INDIAN GOODS.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, March 29, 1871.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office until 12 o'clock M. on THURSDAY, the 27th day of April, 1871, for furnishing and delivering at the agencies of the tribes named in the following schedules, and at the times therein specified, the goods required by the said schedules, viz:

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The Versailles Government Showing Signs of Activity.

The German Garrison in Paris to be Largely Reinforced.

A Proportionate Increase to be Made in the French Garrison.

Picket Firing Reported Between Paris and Versailles.

The Authority of the Assembly Restored at Marseilles.

FRANCE.

THE ASSEMBLY.

VERSAILLES, March 30.—In the Assembly, on Wednesday, Thiers made a speech, in which he admitted that the Germans were evacuating France irregularly, and that there were still too many German troops in the country. He laid the blame for delay in the matter to the Parisians, and announced that a convention had been signed which would put an end to all irregularities on the part of the Germans.

The Assembly has passed a bill providing for the convocation of Comarcia Generai.

Thiers announced that by virtue of the convention just signed, more German troops are to enter Paris, and that the French forces in the city are to be increased proportionately.

THE RESIGNS.

La Liberte says Admiral Saisset has resigned their presidence in Paris, and that Thiers and the head of the Latour detectives are in Paris.

THE POLICE.

The Sub-Comitiai Committee of Paris has decided to abolish all police forces.

THE RISING AT PERPIGNAN.

The rising in Perpignan has failed to meet the support of the people of the city.

A FORCE TO MARCH ON PARIS.

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MOVEMENTS OF THE INSURGENTS.

PARIS, March 30.—The Insurgents of Paris have asked possession of the antechrese at the Hotel de Ville to remain in their hands for the present. Obviously, but the workmen must keep their arms to be ready for use in case a conflict is very probable.

THE DESPERATE STATE OF AFFAIRS.

The Communists still dangle among themselves as to their future course. No decisive steps are open in Paris, all the Judges having fled from the city. Thirty-four have since resigned in succession.

SALARY OF COUNCILLORS.

The monthly salary of Communist Councillors is fixed at 60 francs.

THE LOYAL NATIONALS.

At a sitting of the Sub-Committee of Conciliatory, Daval submitted a proposition for the dissolution of the battalions of the National Guard which has not given its adhesion to the Paris Government, and for the formation, in response to the public had formed a Committee of Public Safety, and two to be charged with the organization of a force which they attempted any interior movement. A motion to adjourn the sitting was lost.

A DEMAND FOR ACTION.

The Rouselle Republique makes a demand for action on the part of the Assembly.

RESIGNATIONS.

It is stated that Delescluze had, in consequence of a declaration on the part of his colleagues that they would not support his policy, definitely resigned his membership of the Communal Council, to which he was elected on the 26th.

THE COST OF THE MARSEILLES REVOLUTION.

The *Journal de Paris* makes a statement that the Municipal Council of the city owes the people of Paris 1,000,000 francs.

FOREIGN PRINTING.

LONDON, March 30.—Orders for journals have been placed on the roads from Paris to Versailles, and the journals are now for the first time on the Versailles pavement.

A telegram to the *Telegraph* says the cars were picked from last night, between the hours of 10 and 12, by the Communists on the road between Versailles and Paris.

THE FIGHTING UPON PARIS.

The provisional law, after consultation with Rouher, Dufaure, and Jules Favre, has decided upon a plan for an attack upon Paris.

PARIS, March 30.—The corps of *Paris en Armes* is all that remains of the National Guard to the Government, the office of the paper occupied, and its publication stopped.

THE RISING IN ALSTRIA.

The Orl de Puy, Vienne, and Pyrenees Departments have declared in favor of General Lucheraque, and have commenced operations against Paris.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

It is expected that the Peace Conference at Brussels will continue in session for a long time, probably for sixty days.

At 1 o'clock, Feb. 28, the 5th Corps Commenced its march from Versailles, and entered the city of Paris, and that the French forces in the city are to be increased proportionately.

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